

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: PART POSITIONING METHOD AND APPARATUS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: **June 29, 2010**

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated March 8, 2010, the period to respond being extended 1 month from June 8, 2010 to July 8, 2010, with payment of the appropriate fees.

Claims 1 and 2 are pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is presented herein.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the AAPA, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. S63-93530 to Yoshihiro et al., hereinafter referred to as Yoshihiro, in view of the RVDT-Based Draw Wire Position Transducer made by Firstmark Controls (<http://www.firstmarkcontrols.com/pmc0602.htm>), hereinafter referred to as Firstmark.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the following reason(s).